

SEVENTH STRAIGHT VICTORY INSPIRES PHILS—"THREE AND TWO," BY C. E. VAN LOAN

PHILLIES, IN STEAM-ROLLER ACT, SWEEP ONWARD THROUGH WEST

Only Twelve More Victories Really Needed to Clinch Pennant—Failure of Cubs to Stop Braves No Cause for Uneasiness in Moran Clan

The Phillies continued their dash through the West by taking their third straight victory from Pittsburgh. Three in a row, or even three victories in the four-game series with the Pirates, was unexpected of Moran's league leaders, in view of the fact that the Pirates had completely outplayed the Phillies in every previous series this season.

By winning the Phillies bettered their pennant chances considerably, as Brooklyn was beaten by the Cardinals. The Braves won, it is true, but as long as the Phillies can travel better than a 50-50 gait, the world's champions will not be able to make much headway.

Brooklyn Now on Even Terms With Boston
Brooklyn's defeat places it on even terms with the Braves for second place and imposes the same task upon both in their struggle to overhaul the fast-flying Phillies, whose seventh straight win puts the team in a position where it really needs but 12 more victories.

Twelve victories in 23 games looks easier every day, and if the Phillies do capture a round dozen during the remainder of the season Boston must win 18 of its 20 to be on even terms. While Brooklyn, after its defeat at the hands of the Cardinals, is forced to win 15 against 3 defeats.

Good Luck for Phillies If Cubs Have Really Blown
The fact that Brooklyn has lost seven more games than the Phillies all but eliminates Robinson's team from the fight, but the Braves still have a chance, though slim. The failure of the Cubs to stop the Braves was a disagreeable surprise to the fans, and means either that the Braves are going at a terrific clip or the Cubs have blown up for the season. If the latter should be the case, the Phillies' chances are greatly improved, as the six-game series with Chicago is the one that is now feared most by Manager Moran and his men.

St. Louis Already Experimenting With Recruits
St. Louis already has started using recruit pitchers, and probably will continue this policy against all Eastern teams, showing no favorites. While Boardman, who was with the Athletics two years ago, managed to get away with the Dodgers yesterday, his chance of beating the Phillies is considered much smaller than that of Doak or one of Huggins' regulars. Recruits will be welcomed by the Phillies. Boardman was purchased by the Cardinals from the Fargo-Moorehead team, of the Northern League, where he was sent by the Athletics.

Chalmers' Added Victory Now Boom to Phils
The great pitching of Chalmers, after he had gotten a poor start, is another evidence that the hard luck member of Moran's staff has regained his old confidence and can be counted upon to keep pace with Alexander and Mayer for the rest of the season. That Chalmers is back in his 1911 form is evident, or Moran would not have taken a chance on him at this time. Present indications point to Chalmers being used in an "iron man" act with Alexander if the team should suddenly strike a slump.

Phils May Have Best Road Trip of Season
With everything breaking well and the contenders fast losing hope, the fans throughout the country who have been predicting and looking for the cracking of Moran's team are likely to be sadly disappointed. With such a splendid start in the West it would be no great surprise if the team, with its confidence greatly increased, should have the best road trip any team has made this season. It becomes more apparent every day that there is not a bit of chance of the pitching staff cracking, and that was the main hope of both Brooklyn and Boston. Instead of the Philly staff cracking, it begins to look as if both Robinson and Stallings were having a hard time keeping their huriers up to top form.

St. Louis Shows Real Hustling Spirit
It must be admitted that the Athletics played poor ball throughout the series with St. Louis, but the work of the Browns deserves credit. Rickey's team is the only one in the American League which is playing ball as though it really enjoyed it. The Red Sox and Tigers are running a close race for the Pennant, but these teams are not playing the scrappy, aggressive ball shown by the Browns here.

Perhaps Boston was reserving its energy for the final dash, and did not take the series with the Athletics seriously; but then again the difference between a high-salaried star and a youngster who is fighting for recognition may be responsible for the difference. At any rate, the series with the Browns was a more interesting one than any played at Shibe Park for a long time, despite the fact that the Mackmen were outclassed in each game.

Jacobson's Homer Almost Equals Walter Johnson's
Yesterday the score was 12 to 4, a total which would naturally lead one to believe that the game was a nightmare; but such was far from the case. Several of the Athletics played poor ball, but a few who were hustling and all of the Browns played brilliantly in the field, while three long home-run drives served to enliven the game.

These drives were made by Strunk, Oldring and Jacobson. The latter's hit was one of the longest ever made at Shibe Park, being surpassed only by that historic wallop made by Walter Johnson two years ago. Johnson hit the top of the wall back of the bleachers in deep left, while Jacobson's drive was but a few feet short of this mark and was more on a line.

Sisler Looks Like Sensation of the Season
Another feature of the game was the continuation of Sisler's sensational work at first base, at bat and on the bases. This chap is a wonderful player, and no mistake was made in calling him a "second Cobb." Sisler was preceded by a reputation that was a hindrance to him; but the Michigan youngster has even exceeded the expectations of his greatest admirers.

Manager Mack Will Have New Line-up Friday
No major league club is scheduled in this city until Friday, today and Thursday being open dates. When the Athletics take the field on Friday it will be with almost an entirely new team. Who will comprise the team Manager Mack will not announce at the present time, but it is believed that he has had his new combination working in the mornings for a few days.

Cruthers, the local boy, who has been playing sensational ball for Memphis, of the Southern League, will not be in the line-up, as the Southern League race does not end for another week, and Mack is not sure that he will exercise his option on Cruthers, so well pleased is he with his other recruits.

Rumored That Rowland May Be Deposed as Manager
A report from the West is that Clarence Rowland will not be manager of the White Sox next season. According to the story, Rowland has failed dismally as a major league manager because he could not control his players and lost his aggressiveness after the White Sox lost the leg.

It is said that several players have openly defied Rowland at various times without getting even a reprimand.

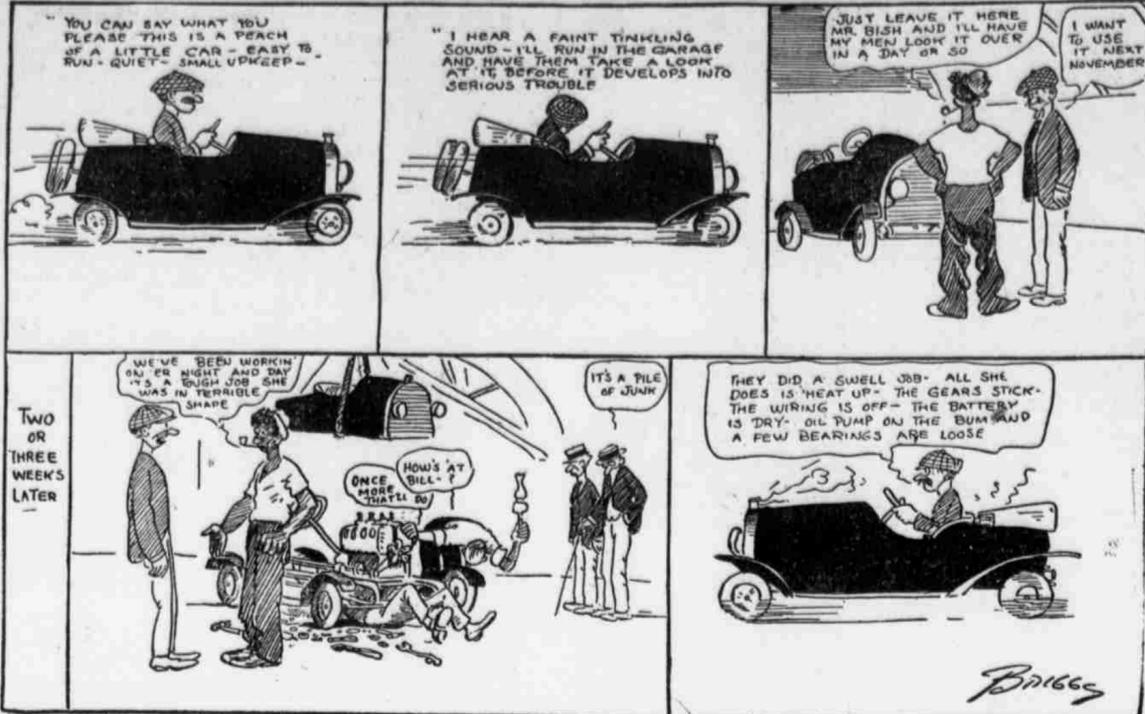
Eddie Collins Considered for White Sox Pilot
According to information, either Eddie Collins or Frank Ibañez, first baseman on the World's Champion White Sox team of 1906, will be allowed to try his hand at running this collection of high-priced stars. While local fans would like to see Collins advance, they are inclined to believe that it is too soon for him to handle the position, and it is hardly likely that Comiskey would want to hamper his costly investment with this burden.

McGraw Now Is Sneering on the Other Side of His Face
Manager McGraw must be feeling rather sick today. He declared that the Reds would finish a worse last than any fall-end team in the country. Yesterday the Reds took the Giants over for the third straight time. The Giants are entrenched in last place, while the Reds are now in the first division.

The home run drive made by Cravath in Pittsburgh yesterday was a terrific wallop, as the left field fence at Forbes Field is 315 feet from the home plate, and the drive cleared the wall easily. It was not the first time the feat has been accomplished, however. Warner, Zimmerman, Magee and a few others have sent them over this fence.

Sisler made 10 hits in the four games against the Athletics, and unlike his earlier in his first series here, all were clean-cut drives.

AS LONG AS IT GOES, BE SATISFIED



CALIFORNIA RED-HEAD EASILY RATED AS BEST TENNIS PLAYER OF DAY

U. S. Ranking Officials Have No Difficult Task Deciding on Johnston—"Comet" Must Change Style MAY YET BE CONTENDER

In comparison with that of last year, the Ranking Committee of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association will this year have an easy task, at least so far as ranking the leading players is concerned. Despite early season defeats and a later defeat at the hands of H. Norris Williams, 2d, of Philadelphia, National Champion William M. Johnston, the red-haired youth from sunny California, is clearly entitled to the place.

Johnston has lost five matches since the start of the season. In the Panama-Pacific Exposition finals at San Francisco he was defeated by McLoughlin; at Longwood Niles gained the verdict after five long-drawn-out sets; Byford, a comparatively unknown player, put him out at Chicago, and he'll defeated him at Southampton. But his victories over Behr, Williams and McLoughlin in the all-important national championship completely overshadowed these defeats.

Even Williams' victory in the last of the East vs. West matches, which ended in favor of the West by a 7 to 5 count, cannot be seriously considered, for after his double victory in the all-covers it was only natural that Johnston should relax from the high tension that carried him to success, just as Williams relaxed last year and lost to Church in the intercollegiate.

The new national champion is a tennis player without a decided weakness, unless it be in his service. Unlike most Californians, Johnston does not get much of a break. Instead he places his service so that it may draw his opponent out of position. For instance, he served to McLoughlin in the all-covers at Forest Hills, and when "Mac" ran around the ball in order to get it on his forehead Johnston would run in to mid-court and volley the return to the far corner.

Johnston's use of the mid-court position for volleying came in for great deal of comment, since it is very little used in this country, although British players volley from that position very effectively.

McLoughlin, despite his loss of the doubles title and his defeat by Johnston in the singles final, is far from all in as a tennis player of the first rank. The California "Comet," sooner or later, must give up the service he has used so long and successfully.

That bending back, then uncoupling and striking like a snake, followed by a quick leap to the net, use too much energy. During the tournaments that preceded the national championship, McLoughlin devoted considerable time to developing his back-line play, a department of the game in which he has been notoriously weak. Improvement in this, and the addition of a fair back-hand stroke will make McLoughlin still a contender for championship honor.

Despite rumors to the contrary, it is hardly likely that a Philadelphia club will put in a serious bid for the national championship at the annual meeting of the U. S. N. L. T. A. next winter. Even the supporters of Newport last winter had to admit that the West Side Tennis Club want the Newport Casino one better in arrangements.

The Philadelphia Cricket Club holds the women's national championship annually. Should one of the local clubs bid for the men's national, it is hardly likely that it would be permitted to come here unless the women's championship is removed. Then before long Philadelphia, instead of holding a national tennis championship annually, as it does now, will be getting it about once in 10 years.

Heat Curtains W. and J. Drill
WASHINGTON, Pa., Sept. 15.—Coach Fullinwider, who is coaching practice for the Washington and Jefferson squad on account of an hour, in which scrimmages was staged. The varsity scored two touchdowns, one on straight football and the other on a long forward pass from Quarterback Stubbs to Right End Heyman.

THREE AND TWO

The Third Year Introduces "Sockless" Shaw, an Old Friend of "Gabby," Who Brings the "Wanderers" Up in the Race With the "Dummies"

By CHARLES E. VAN LOAN
The World's Most Famous Writer of Baseball Fiction
"Jim Penny, star scout of 'Shad' Roe's 'Dummies' discovers 'Charles' 'Gabby' Nelligan, a dead and dumb catcher, who is a wonder. After much argument, Jim persuades his manager to change the mute wonder, who 'has a whip like a 42-centimeter' and a bat without any holes in it. 'Gabby' proves as a catcher and batter a little longer to prove that he can play poker and administer a knockout on a ball of socks on the national pastime. His keen brain and all-seeing eye enable him to devise new plays for the 'Dummies,' and to build a stone-wall infield almost impossible to pierce.

We come now to Gabby's third year with the team, and the initial appearance of "Sockless" Shaw, of the "Wanderers." During the spring training, the papers had been full of the doings of this sockless person, who had been picked up in the wilds by "Les" Turnbull, the Wanderer scout. Les, so said the papers, put a pair of socks on Shaw with his own fair hands, and shipped him south by freight where he joined the Wanderers, and began setting the freddie league ablaze with sparks from his bat.



"The old friendship between Gabby and Shaw warmed again."

The Dummies remembered this "remark" when the Wanderers turned up on the field before the opening game of the season. Gabby raced halfway across the diamond, embraced the much-advertised "Sockless" Shaw, patted him on the back, and "talked" with him as fast as his fingers could fly. Shaw also was a leading exponent of the finger language, and the bleachers roared at the remarkable sight.

"Sure he knows me!" said Sockless to the Wanderers. "Sure thing! Nelligan and me us't pal together out West. I just happened to know the dummy alphabet, and we got pretty thick. He's a fine feller, and a hell-roaring good ball player!"

The last comment was not news to the Wanderers. Before the game, Gabby fingered out some sage counsel to Devine, who was slated to unwind the samples in the opening contest.

"Shaw may have chanked some in five years," founrished Nelligan's busy hands; "but, so far as I can recollect, he murdered everything but a low ball. Slip 'em to him knee high, if you can; but I wouldn't try to break over a fast one on him. That's where he used to live."

When the umpire begins to adjust his wind pad, all friendships cease. Gabby liked Shaw as well as any man he had ever known. Gabby wanted to see him make good in fast company—but not against Dummy pitchers.

Devine did his best to keep the ball low; but he was not one of the few men who can command the control necessary in such cases, and late in the game he tried to jump a fast one across Shaw's "letters," and the sockless slugger hit it out of sight into the bleachers for a home run. Gabby wagged out the customary remarks, beginning with "What

MORGAN AND CHENEY DO BATTLE TONIGHT IN BALTIMORE RING

Winner of Featherweight Encounter May Be Matched With Champion Kilbane. Both in Fine Fettle

Two leading contenders for Johnny Kilbane's featherweight championship will battle for supremacy in Baltimore tonight when Eddie Morgan, of England, and George Cheney, of the Monumental City, clash in a 16-round bout. Morgan, who is making Philadelphia his home, left this morning with his manager, Bobby Morrow, for the scene of the battle.

The Britisher trained faithfully for tonight's match and he will answer the bell in superb shape. It will be Eddie's first appearance since his two sensational bouts here with Matt Brock, after which George was taken ill, but reports from the Baltimore this morning say he is "in the pink."

Promoters of the bout have announced that they will endeavor to sign up Champion Kilbane to meet the winner. There is no doubt about Johnny Ertle being Kid Williams' successor. The Minnesota Boxing Commission has upheld the referee's decision in awarding the fight to Ertle, after Williams was disqualified, even though the match was a no-decision affair.

Kid Williams will arrive in New York tomorrow. He will spend a few days in the metropolis before leaving for Baltimore. Dutch Brandt will tackle the Kid in the Oriole City September 23.

If Packey and Mike were rematched for tomorrow night, I wouldn't mind the fight for anything in the world. They put up a great fight—the greatest fight I ever saw.—Jack Hanlon.

FALL POLO SEASON OPENS AT BRYN MAWR THURSDAY

E. W. Hopping, the guiding spirit in local polo affairs, arrived home yesterday after summering at Narragansett Pier, Point Judith and other polo centres. He immediately announced that the fall season would begin on Thursday, with a Mawr Polo Club. Another contest will follow on Saturday.

RACES TODAY AT HAVRE DE GRACE.

Six Races Daily—including a Steeplechase
Special Trains: Penna. R. R. leave Broad St. 12:34 P. M., West 12:39 P. M., B. & O. leave 2:14 & Chestnut 3:15 P. M. Admission, Grandstand & Paddock, \$1.50. Ladies, \$1.00. First Race at 2:30 P. M.

"SPEEDY" RUSH HAS PRINCETON ON THE JUMP

Noted Coach, Though Yet an Experiment, Has Great 1915 Outlook

GOOD MATERIAL ON HAND

Football at Princeton always has occupied a prominent place in the sun, but this year for other reasons gridiron affairs in "Tigertown" will have focused on them the eyes of the whole college world.

The Tigers are experimenting with a new kind of coach. He is "Speedy" John Rush, famous as a great sprinter, but a man who never played college football. Before this year he had never even coached college football, and yet Princeton graduates, undergraduates and players are confident almost to a man that he will make good.

The developments of the season alone will show what Rush can do. But just now he is an interesting personality. Rush went to Princeton nearly twenty years ago as a sprinter. His home was in Iowa, where he had won fame by running 100 yards in 9.45 seconds. That in those days was enough to make him a national celebrity. At Princeton Rush followed the fortunes of the Tigers on the gridiron, but his own efforts he concentrated on track sports.

After leaving Princeton he went to Ohio and later became physical director of the University School of Cleveland. His only football experience was what he had acquired as a schoolboy and through his observation in the East. But he tackled his new job and soon made the Cleveland School one of the best in the Middle West. Boys who had learned football from Rush went to Eastern universities and immediately made good. One of these was Barrett, the All-American quarterback of Cornell. Another was Reseach, captain of Pennsylvania's basketball team last year and end of the football team.

While Rush was making his football reputation at Cleveland his alma mater was going through the vicissitudes of many hard seasons. The Tigers tried every available coach, but they could find without success. Finally committees of famous players scoured the country and recommended Rush. He was picked because he had shown ability to take boys who never played football and make star players of them. Rush himself possessed a personality that made him likeable and respected. What Rush had done at Cleveland he could repeat at Princeton, they argued. So he was started. He went to Princeton last spring and gave the football men the first real season of spring practice they had ever had. Before he began work, Rush said he expected to know more about the capabilities of his men as the result of the team's work than a month of the fall season.

Add to the enthusiasm furnished by the engagement of Rush the fact that Princeton retains only her 1914 veterans and can readily understand why the confidence of the coaches is so high. Without question the failure of Princeton to reach the strength expected last year was due to poor coaching and too much of it. The last quarter of the Yale game, when Princeton, with Frank Glick, the new captain, at the helm, scored two touchdowns and came within an ace of beating the Elis, showed that the team was capable of doing when properly directed.

It will have the proper direction this year because Glick is a general himself and Rush knows enough not to interfere with such a man. The Tigers have their backfield intact. Glick probably will play quarterback, with Moore and Dickerman, heroes with him in that last famous quarter against Yale, as his running backs. Driggs, Eberstadt, Boland, Tibbitts and Law give the Tigers unusually good substitute material back of the line. The losses are all in the line, but they are not severe. Ballin, the All-American tackle, has graduated, and so have Shenk, a guard, and the Trekmann brothers, who could play either in the line or backfield. Bud Gennert and Nourse, two corking good centres, are back, while Foster, who Heyinger can play the guards and McLean is sure of his old place at tackle.

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